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PEACE FRIENDS ATTACK SCHOOL RIFLE SHOOTING

Call It a "Step Toward Militarism" and "Brutalizing."

STATEMENTS FROM **NOTED EDUCATORS**

Dr. Eliot, David Starr Jordan, and Justice Hughes Quoted in Opposition.

Denouncing the teaching of rifle shooting in the public schools as a "step toward militarism" and deorying its alleged "brutalizing effect," heads of three Washington peace societies today decried the growing interest in marksmanship among Washington high school pu-

Aroused by the increasing interest in rifle shooting as shown by the presentation of trophies and medals at Central High School yesterday, when the Secretary of War, Dr. W. M. Davidson and others spoke, the leaders of the peace movement announced that steps would be taken at once for concerted effort to stamp out the activity of the rifle clubs.

Indorsements Obtained. The statements by peace advocates showing a quiet campaign has been in progress for some time, during which nents of rife shooting have sathered from such prominent educators Charles W. Eliot, Henry Churchill King. David Starr Jordan, and men life, including Justice Charles E. Hughes, Jane Addams, and the Rev. Charles E. Jefferson, opinions indorsing their contention. These opinions

Foremost among local workers for the abolition of rifle shooting are A. T. Stuart, president of the School Peaco League and former superintendent of schools: John W. Foster. former Secre-tary of State; Willet M. Hays, Assist-sat Secretary of Agriculture; Dr. B. F. Trueblood, secretary of the American. Peace Society, and Mrs. Belva Lock-wood, president of the National Arbi-tration Society.

tration Society.
"I regard any recommendation for the introduction of rifle practice into the public schools of the country as an unjustifiable and wicked act," declared

Discussion Is Expected.

The first public discussion of the high school marksmanship question is likely to be at the public meeting of the fternoon, at the First Congregational Church. There P. P. Claxton, one of the vice presidents of the National nearby. Peace League will speak, as will also Dr. W. M. Davidson, superintendent of schools, here: Thomas Nelson Page, John Barret, O. P. Austin, Dr. B. F. Trueblood, and the Rev. S. H. Wood-

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Mrs. Belva Lockwood declared she
would array her society in behalf of the
proposed campaign at an early date.

"The Universal Peace Union and its
local branch, the National Arbitration
Society," declared Mrs Lockwood, "Are
strongly opposed to anything that makes
boys love the smell of gun powder.

"Aside from the setback it gives the
peace movement, we believe rife practice has a brutalizing effect on our
boys."

boys."
The School Peace League has for its president A. T. Stuart, while Miss E. M. Westcott, principal of Western High Behool, is its secreeary.
Lined up in the movement for the National Peace Society is Senator The-

Fletcher Promises Sensation in Divorce

Senations are promised in the suit for an absolute divorce filed by Julia B. Fletcher against James J. Fletcher, a professional bondsman, in the District Supreme Court, the husband today being given another week to answer the allegations of his wife.

Mr. Fletcher stated he would file a cross bill in a few days, making accusations of a startling character against his wife.

his wife.

In her netition filed last week Mrs. Fletcher asks that the court sllow her alimony of \$100 a month, counsel fees, and also the right to retain her dower right in the \$75,000 estate of her husband. It was alleged by Mrs. Fletcher that her husband is now living with an affinity, and that he has threatened to blacken her character if she pressed a divorce suit. Also she says he has been extremely cruel.

WEATHER REPORT.

PORECAST FOR THE DISTRICT.

Fair tonight and Saturday: rising
temperature Saturday. Lowest temperature tonight about 30 degrees.

LECK'S,

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Today—High tide, 5:09 a. m. p. m. Low tide, 11:35 a. m. Tomorrow—High tide, 5:59 a. 6:14 p. m. Low tide, 12:09 a. m. :

Sun rises....... SUN TABLE

Held in Illinois Poison Mystery



MRS. LOUISE VERMILYA, About Whom the Police Guard Has Been Doubled.

ARSENIC IS FOUND OF MRS. VERMILYA

Deaths Probed.

police guard about Mrs. Louise Ver- band, Mrs. William T. Landers, eightmilya, and admission by the authorities een years old, a bride of a few months, that a partial investigation has been tried to end her life this morning by completed of nine deaths of friends and drinking a quantity of household amrelatives of the woman, made significant the report today that a chemical analysis of the vicera of Policeman lowed about half a pint of the liquid, Bissonett, one of the nine decedents, had disclosed the presence of two grains

of arsenic. Coroner Hoffman admitted today that ple is believed to have quarreled over during his absence of the past few days domestic troubles. he has been quietly looking into the Washington Peace Society, on Sunday circumstances of the death of several bottle to her lips and drained the conother persons-all associated one time tents before her sister could knock it

these is a woman who has called up daily ever since it was reported that there was something suspicious in the death of Policeman Bissonett. She declares that if poison was found in the viscers of the policeman she "will have interesting testimony to give." So far the police have been unable to ascertain who she is.

who she is. Ralph Vermilya, a stepson, tele- Austria Prepares graphed the police today that he was en route here from St. Paul, and would give them every assistance in investi gating the death of his father.

Jury Has Disagreed In the McRea Case

OPELOUSAS, La., Nov. 3.-At 9:20 this morning the jury trying Mrs. Zoe Runge McRea for the murder of Allan Garland, a student at Tulane University, reported to Judge Pavy that it was unable to reach a verdict, after being locked up all night. It was discharged, and steps immediately aken to secure a retrial.

RICHESON DECLARES HIMSELF INNOCENT

In Resignation as Pastor, Says Accusation of Murder Will Be

Lifted in Time.

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Nov. 3.-Clarence Avis Linnell, publicly asserted his innocence for the first time since his arrest, in the letter of resignation sent to the Immanuel Baptist Church, of Cambridge, of which he was pastor. The letter was made public today by

the finance committee of the church. Richeson's letter of resignation reads: "I beg to herewith tender my resignation as potor of Immanuel Church. Strong in the consciousness of my in-CLARENCE V. T. RICHESON," | mander

YOUNG WIFE TRIES TO END HER LIFE BY DRINKING AMMONIA

Police Guard About Illinois Mrs. Landers, Aged Eight-Woman Doubled-Other | een, of Anacostia, Despondent After Quarrel.

CHICAGO, Nov. 3.-A redoubling of Following a quarrel with her hu Anacostia. The young woman swalbut at the Casualty Hospital, where she was taken in a police ambulance, it was said she would recover. The cou-

Mrs. Sanders is said to have put the

with Mrs. Vermilya—in small towns nearby.

Two new witnesses are in touch with Police Captain Harding today. One of these is a woman who has called up as his wife was being placed in the

VIENNA, Nov. 3 .- Austria has been

Austrian officialdom can hardly yet believe that Italy means to attempt a campaign on the coast of European Turkey, in defiance of Austria's warning, but it is considered that its behavior is sufficiently suspicious to call for ample preparation on Austrii's part to enforce its wishes on short notice.

'News of startling developments in Tripoli is expected here any day. There is the best reason for believing the Italion force there is critically situated, and the city's recapture by the Turks is deemed well within the bounds of possibility. Such a disaster to Italian arms might easily mean a revolution at home.

Dr. A. J. Barchfeld Took Mrs. Cotterill About, Detective Says.

SENSATIONAL STORY OF WOMAN "SHADOW"

Secret Hearing of Divorce Action Replete With Tales of Wife's Doings.

Congressman Andrew J. Barchfeld, prominent physician of Pittsburgh, Pa., is implicated in the sensational divorce suit of Charles A. Cotterill, a Washington journalist, against Henry Garland Cotterill, now on trial in the District Supreme Court, accusations against the doctor being made by Miss Clara Ellis, a woman detective, whose intrigue with the defendant is made the basis of the

How the Congressman, who makes his home at the New Willard Hotel when Congress is in session, was accosted on Pennsylvania avenue and induced to buy drinks in a fashionable cafe for Mrs. Cotterill and her "shadow," Miss Ellis, was told by Miss Ellis at the secret hearing before Justice Daniel Thew Wright.

Boy Adds Testimony. The detective, in her revelations, told how the Congressman bought drinks and then took the pair to a moving picture show.

Implicating the Pennsylvania Con greatman still further in the case is an affidavit by William Beebede, a messenger boy, who alleges that he carried a note from Mrs. Cotterill to Congressman Barchreid, at the Capitol. The messenger boy tells that while he was waiting for the defendant to write the letter to the Congressman, he went out and, through a colored man, purchased a bottle of whisky for Mrs. Cotterill.

Hearing Continued. The story of the woman detective con cerning the meeting with the Congressmonia at her home, 2240 Chester street, trial. The Congressman in question has served three terms, and is one of the best known men in the House. Miss Ellis swore that after the Congressman had bought them "a round" of drinks he took them to a moving picture show, sitting between Mrs. Cotterill and her-

sitting between Mrs. Cotterill and herself and paying more attention to the
defendant than the pictures.
Attorney W. Earl Ambrose stated today that he will be able to disprove
several of the detective's allegations.
The hearing has been continued to
Monday, when a large number of witnesses will be sworn.
There was been discovered among There was keen disappointment among friends of the principals, some of them witnesses, when the court took the ex-

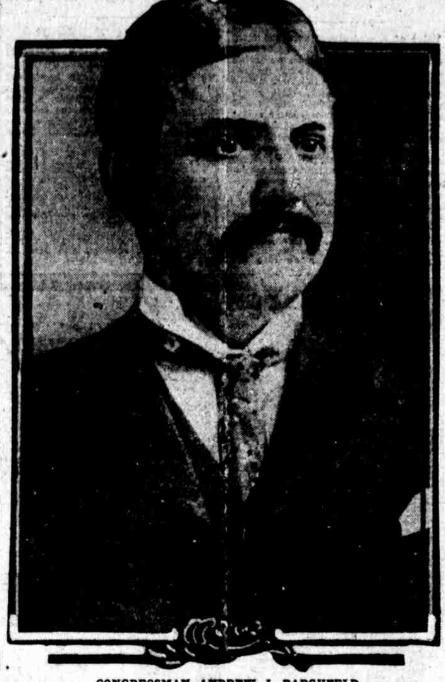
hearing, a consideration not usually ac-corded divorce seekers. No record of the testimony is being taken. Story Not Shaken.

In Justice Wright's private chamber where the cureain was drawn low, the woman detective, told her sensational story concerning Mrs. Cotterill and of how she accompanied her on several To Meet Invasion trips. No detail was omitted.

Under the sharp cross-examination of Attorney W. Earl Ambrose, who repmostentatiously adding for several resented Mrs. Cotterill, the witness went over till next Friday. days past to its military forces on the stood firm. It was a hard cross-ex Italian frontier, and today, following amination that she was subjected to by the report of the Italian fleet's departure from Tripoli for Turkish waters, the movement of Austrian troops to the southwest is being considerably accelerated.

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Named in Cotterill Divorce Suit



CONGRESSMAN ANDREW J. BARCHFELD.

ATTORNEY'S CLAIM

Justice Clabaugh Informed of Millionaire's Condition. Grants Continuance.

Near-deathbed scenes, in which oxygen was used to snatch Stilson Hutchins from the grave, were described to Chief Justice Clabaugh in the District Supreme Court today by Attorney E. C. Brandenburg in pressing a motion to the court in the litigation over the Hutchins millions.

It was on Wednesday night that Mr. ceptional course of permitting a private Hutchins and Lee Hutchins, were spin-

argued Mr. Brandenburg, and the court sustained his motion, and the case

Attorney John C. Gittings, who repre sents Mrs. Hutchins in the several

while Mrs. Cotterill consumed gin rickcys. She always retained her full senses,
she said, while Mrs. Cotterill was inclined to be boisterous and tell stories:
Several instances of the defendant telling stories, always to men and the witness, were cited by the detective.

Tells of Congressman.

When the Congressman was met on
Pennsylvania avenue by Mrs. Cotterill
and the detective, testified the latter, he
bought drinks for the pair. The question of money was discussed. The detective says she advised Mrs. Cotterill
to suggest "a piece of jewelry worth
about \$25."

was a ruse of the opposition
to gain time.
Then Attorney Brandenburg asked
that a profer of a bond of \$100,000 be accepted for the faithful administration
of the trust of William J. Dante, trustee of the Hutchins millions, but Chief
Justice Clabaugh ruled that all matters
go over till next Friday. Exceptions
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Out to Paymaster Who Took Funds.

Paymaster Arthur M. Pippin, U. S. N. has been found guilty by a general court-martial at the Mare Island Navy Yard, of embezzlement of Government funds and has been sentenced to seven years' imprisonment at the California State prisor, according to an announce ment at the Navy Department.

It was on Wednesday night that Mr. Hutchins sank into a comatose state, according to the attorney for the trustee of his wealth, and was at death's door. His two sons, Walter Stilson Hutchins and Lee Hutchins, were stimmoned to the bedside, and expected him to pass away, said Mr. Brandenburg. The principal figure in the series of sensational suits, however, showed remarkable vitality, and survived what seemed to be a fatal relapse, said Mr. Brandenburg.

"It would be undignified and improper to press the litigation in view of the precarious condition of Mr. Hutchins," argued Mr. Brandenburg, and the court sustained his motion, and the case stated that the officer was suitty of said of the court sustained his motion, and the case stated that the officer was coults of first was found that about \$2,000 of Government money had been misapplied.

The department also announced that Prymaster's Clerk James V. Fuller, U. S. N., retired, had been found guilty of "executing a fraud against the Linited States," and sentenced to two years imprisonment; Chief Yoeman Henry Meilpern, U. S. N., was found guilty of misappropriating funds and is sentenced to three years in prison, and that Paymaster's Clerk Rowland M. Thompson, U. S. N., was found guilty of "scand-ulous conduct," and will be publicly reprinanted by the Secretary of the Navy.

This is the severest punishment ordering by a naval count-martial in many years. The charges arose over a short-age in the accounts of Paymaster Pippin had to answer other charges than embezzlement. It is The department also announced that

raymaster Pippin had to answer other charges than embezziement. It is stated that the officer was guilty of "scandulous conduct tending to the destruction of good morals," of "culpable negligence, and inefficiency in the performance of duty."

President Taft has approved the sentences

Dr. Edmunds Appointed As Medical Inspector

On recommendation of Health Officer Woodward, the Commissioners today appointed Dr. Meade R. Edmunds medical inspector in the contagious disease service at \$4 a day. The appointment takes effect at once,

TEACHERS GET PAY; **NEW RECORD MADE**

Officials Stirred By Charge That Instructors Were Loan Shark Victims.

A new record was set when school teachers received their pay checks or this, the third day, of the month. Stirred by charges before the Board of Trade, that teachers were compelled to patronize "loan sharks" because their LONDON, Ontario, Nov. 3.-Nearly all monthly salaries were delayed, school YUMA, Ariz., Nov. 3.-Aviator Cal P. the largest dry goods stores in London officials this month made every effort

record set is a new one. Capt. James F. Oyster, president of the board, was at the Franklin School

early.
"This quickness has been brought about by the co-operation of Auditor Tweedale and Disburser Wilson," he declared, "and we only take on purselves a third of the credit. We want to maintain the record if we can."

EXCISE HEARING

Commissioners Exonerate Official Tried For Irregularities.

WARN BOARD TO BEWARE SUSPICION

Finding in Charges Preferred By F. Oden Horstmann Advises Care in Bsiness.

Samuel T. Kalbfus is exonerated by the Commissioners of the District in their finding, handed down this

"No stigma" is declared to attach to him, but he and other Excise Board members are advised to keep clear from all suspicious real estate entanglements in the future.

F. Oden Horstmann is not named in the finding, which was read by President Rudolph at 2 o'clock this afternoon to a Board room meeting, at which were present all who have been attending the investigation sessions.

Commissioner Johnston wrote the inding, and it is officially stated that President Rudolph and Major Judson concur heartily in it.

Text of Finding.

The Board of Commissioners finds after mature consideration of the great volume of matter evolved that the volume of matter evolved that the statement of real estate transactions submitted to the Board of Commissioners for its action by F. Oden Hortmann, between Samuel T. Kalbfus, a member of the Board of Assessors and of the Excise Board of the District of Columbia, and other parties therein named, is as admitted by the said Kalbfus, and as transcribed from the records of the Recorder of Deeds of said records of the Recorder of Deeds of said District, but attach no criminality or blame thereto that would justify any charge against the said Kalbfus of efficiency, neglect of duty, or malf charge against the said Kalbfus of inefficiency, neglect of duty, or malfeasance in office as a member of gaid
Board of Assessors; nor does the Board
of Commissioners, considering the law,
as well as precedent and custom heretofore obtaining to a greater or less extent in said Board as to such transactions, attach to the conduct of the
said Kalbfus, as developed by the testimony, any stigma that demands his removal from said Board of Assessors.

The Board of Commissioners is, however, of the opinion that the interests
of the service are best served by the
members of the Board of Assessors refraining from engaging in real estate
transactions of a speculative nature or
in any case under such inter-relationship of parties thereto as may develop
suspicion of conduct tending to discredit
the public service.

The Board of Commissioners further

the public service.

The Board of Commissioners further finds no criminality or blame amounting to inefficiency, neglect of duty, malfeasance in office or other misconduct on the part of said Samuel T. Kalbfus.

Board Wise and Efficient. The evidence adduced in this investi-

gation, embodying the unimpeached tesimony of representative citizens, leads the Board of Commissioners to the opinion that the members of the Board of Assessors of the District of Columbia. Assessors of the District of Columbia, acting as such and as members of the Excise Board, are officials of proved integrity, and that in their official capacity they have acted with commendable wisdom in all matters pertaining to their official duties.

The Board of Commissioners recognizes that, with the excise and assessment laws as they are, and with only the existing agencies of administration, perfection of service cannot be expected. The Board of Commissioners will, therefore, at the proper time, recommend legislation designed to improve-existing conditions.

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The investigation has cost the District \$1,500 in stenographic charges. A great-er cost than this, possibly, is the time lost by officials, the Commissioners, and others, from office work while listening to testimony or testifying.

Mr. Kalbfus, Mr. Richards, the other Excise Board members, and Mr. Kalb-fus' attorney, F. J. Hogan, declare themselves highly pleased with the ver-dict.

Five Thousand Persons At Chrysanthemum Show

had visited the chrysanthemum show in the bureau of plant industry of the Department of Agriculture, Fourteenth and B streets northwest, up to morning. Mrs. Nagel and Mrs. Wickersham were among the visitors at the show. One hundred and four varieties of mums" are shown on the one bency containing 1,100 plants. The largest nine feet tall. The F. E. Nash chrysanthemum and the Driftwood have the largest blossoms. They measure 2ten inches in diameter. The William Turner is considered the finest bloom by the plane industry experts, though a blossom of the Miss Alice Lemon variety has found considerable favor. had visited the chrysanthemum show in

Lane Would Regulate Nation's Corporations

Interstate Commerce Commissioner Lane in an interview advocates the creation of a national incorporation commission with power of fegulation and control over large business enterprises, trusts, or corporations.

He would have this commission similar to the Interstate Commerce Commission, and he approves the ideas of denator Newlands' bill. He declares the power to control large business corporations doing interstate business rhould rest with the general Government.

Last Minute News Told in Brief

PLEADED NOT GUILTY.

NEW YORK, Nov. 3.-The fight of NEW YORK, Nov. 3.-Julius Shapira, raigned to plead to four indictments stairs in fleeing from the building. charging first and second degree manslaughter. They pleaded not guilty.

PROMOTIONS IN NAVY.

Orders were issued today commission-Strong in the consciousness of my inStrong in the consciousness of my innocence and firmly persuaded that God
in Hi own good time will lift this burden from me, I nevertheless feel that
I hould not permit the shadow thrown
a ross my life to darken the religious
relfare o fmy church and of its peo-

TWO KILLED BY JUMP.

RODGERS NEAR LOS ANGELES. Los Angeles by Saturday night.

CONSUL GENERAL FISHER ILL. The American vice consul at Mukden the State to rush the trial of Max thirty-five years old, and his wife, Rose, China, has telegraphed the State De-

Blanck and Isaac Harris, proprietors were killed by leaping from the second partment that Consul General Fisher of the shirt waist factory where more story of their home in Brownsville dur- at that post is seriously ill with typhoid than 140 persons were killed, met with ing a small fire. Their four children fever. Mr. Fisher is one of the best success today when the men were ar- were serious hurt by falling down- known officers in the consular service.

BIG FIRE IN LONDON.

Rodgers, the transcontinental flyer, as- were destroyed in a conflagration on to expedite the payment of checks. The cended at Stoval Siding, six miles east Dundas street. Chapman's, Mara's, of here, on what he hopes will be the Kingsmill's, and Gray & Parker's last leg of his flight from New York to stores were destroyed; also Brewster's Los Angeles. He expected to get as and Purdom's hardware stores and far into California as possible before Singer Sewing Machine Company's nightfall. This will enable him to reach branch was gutted. The loss may reach \$750,000, mostly covered by insurance.